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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON TOKAI MURA REPROCESSING  
PLANT: PRESS STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED  
SEPT. 9 BY U.S. AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS CONCERNING  
THEIR TALKS ON COPROCESSING AND COCONVERSION AT TOKAI  
MURA:

BEGIN TEXT. 1. THE U.S.-JAPAN TECHNICAL MEETING ON  
THE TOKAI REPROCESSING FACILITY WAS HELD IN TOKYO FROM  
7TH THROUGH 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1978. THE JAPANESE DELEGATION  
WAS HEADED BY MR. M. NAKAMURA, DIRECTOR OF POWER REACTOR  
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, STA, WITH THE PRESENCE OF VARIOUS  
MEMBERS FROM STA, MOFA, MITI AND PNC.

--THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY DR. J. A. LEARY,  
SENIOR ASSOCIATE TO THE DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR ENERGY  
PROGRAMS, DOE, AND OTHER MEMBERS FROM DOS, DOE, ACDA AND  
RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, NAMELY ORNL, HEDL, SRL, AND GE.

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2. THIS MEETING WAS HELD TO FOLLOW UP THE JOINT  
COMMUNIQUE BETWEEN JAPAN AND U.S. WHICH WAS AGREED LAST  
SEPTEMBER. THE JAPANESE DELEGATION INTRODUCED THE  
INTERMEDIATE RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTS ON COPROCESSING  
L) OF THE TOKAI REPROCESSING  
FACILITY AND OTHER FACILITIES.

--FOR BACKGROUND, INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF FBR "JOYO", ATR "FUGEN", HOT TESTS AT TOKAI REPROCESSING FACILITY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

--THE U.S. DELEGATION SUPPLIED INFORMATION ON THE EXPERIMENTS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE U.S. ON COCONVERSION.

3. THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE WAS CONDUCTED ON THE PREMISE THAT SUCH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WOULD NOT FORM ANY PREJUDGEMENT FOR THE CONCLUSIONS TO BE REACHED NEXT YEAR BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS.

--THIS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS VERY MEANINGFUL AND USEFUL IN ENHANCING THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE STATUS OF PROGRESS OF VARIOUS STUDIES BEING PURSUED BY THE TWO PARTIES AT PRESENT.

--IT WAS JOINTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY DEFINITIVE CONCLUSION ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS ON COPROCESSING OR COCONVERSION WAS STILL PREMATURE AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE AND THAT STUDIES THROUGH THE EXPERIMENTS AND TESTS WILL BE CONTINUED.

4. BOTH DELEGATIONS SHARED THE VIEW THAT CLOSE CONTACT UNCLASSIFIED

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AND EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE PURSUED IN THE FUTURE AS THE VARIOUS TESTS AND STUDIES ON COCONVERSION ARE CONTINUED BOTH IN JAPAN AND THE U.S.

--THE SPECIFIC FORMS OF COOPERATION REMAIN TO BE DECIDED.

5. THE U.S. DELEGATION PROPOSED TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING IN THE U.S. TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE FUTURE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS TESTS AND EXPERIMENTS. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS. END TEXT.

2. ISSUANCE OF STATEMENT TO PRESS WAS MADE AT TIME OF JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY LEADERS OF TWO DELEGATIONS. PRESS CONFERENCE DID NOT RESULT IN ANY FURTHER REVELATIONS OF SUBSTANCE.

3. LOU SEPTELS REPORT ON TALKS AND PROVIDE TEXT OF RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS. MANSFIELD

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